GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FOREIGN FUND FOR UPGRADATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by the Government for the financial assistance from the Federal Republic of Germany for upgrading the primary health care in different States;

(b) whether these proposals are still pending for approval with the Union Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The details of proposals received by the Government for financial assistance from the Federal Republic of Germany for upgrading the primary health care in different States may be seen at Annexure-I.

(b) No proposal is pending for approval with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(c)& (d) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Annexurc - I

1. PROPOSAL FOR BALANCE PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES AND UPGRADAT10N IN ANDHRA PRADESH

A proposal for upgradation of left-over hospitals and balance Primary Health Centres in Andhra Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 220.00 crores with the assistance of Federal Republic of Germany was sent to Department of Economic Affairs. This project was not considered favourably by the Germans citing the necessity to concentrate on a limited number of states.

2. GERMAN ASSISTED MAHARASHTRA BASIC HEALTH PROJECT

German assisted Maharashtra Basic Health Project is under implementation since 22.05.96 at a total cost of Rs. 72.64 crores.

3. GERMAN ASSISTED H1MACHAL PRADESH BASIC HEALTH CARE PROJECT

A German assisted Himachal Pradesh Basic Health Care Project is under implementation. The First Phase of the Project was implemented from January 2000 to December 2002 at a cost of DM 7 million. The Second Phase is under implementation from 2003-05 at a total cost of 2.6 million euro.

4. GERMAN ASSISTED BASIC HEALTH PROJECT, WEST BENGAL

The Technical Cooperation (TC) project commenced in Nov. 1999 is focused on Health Systems Development and has funding of 4.8 million EUR (Rs.20.5 crores) while the Financial Cooperation (FC) Project commenced in April 2001, is scheduled for completion in April 2006, funded by KfW (German Financial Assistance Corporation) and is focused on Health Infrastructure Improvement. The total budget figure for Financial Cooperation is DM 7,50,00,000 of which 80% or DM 6,00,00,000 will be contributed by the German Government and 20% or Dm 15,00,00,000 by the West Bengal Government.

Both projects have the joint objective to improve Basic Health Services and their utilization in eight districts of West Bengal.

The Technical Cooperation component is extremely essential for effecting implementation of Financial Cooperation component. The Financial Cooperation component is scheduled to end on March 31, 2006. However, due to delays in actual implementation its duration is expected to be extended by one year. This is one of the reasons for seeking sanction for Phase-11 of the project.

A Joint Review and Planning Workshop for the TC Project was held on Oct. 3, 2002. According to the results of the Workshop, an extension phase (Phase - II) is envisaged for the period of July 2004 to June 2007. As per information provided by GTZ (German Technical Assistance Corporation) Technical Assistance Team, the volume of the proposed German contribution for the extension

phase is 2.5 million EUR. The current project phase (Phase - I) will continue till June 2004 without additional funding allocation. The department has recommended the proposal to Department of Economic Affairs.